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SUBJECT: AZERBAIJANI FOREIGN MINISTER REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT  
TO IRAQ COALITION

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Classified By: DCM Jason P. Hyland per 1.4 (b,d).

(C) The Ambassador delivered ref demarche to Foreign Minister Mammadyarov in a one-on-one meeting on April 27, emphasizing our gratitude for Azerbaijan's long-standing commitment to keep its 151 troops in Iraq as long as they are needed. Mammadyarov reaffirmed this commitment without hesitation. The Ambassador encouraged Mammadyarov to consider additional efforts in support of Coalition goals in Iraq, such as joining the Iraq Compact. We will continue to encourage the GOAJ to join this initiative.  
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